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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Anderson *et al.* Examiner:
Serial No: 09/803,319 Art Unit: 1615
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Title: Uses and Methods of Making Microarrays of Polymeric Biomaterials

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO COMPLY WITH 37 CFR 1.84

Applicants respectfully request a two (2) month extension of time from June 19, 2001 up to and including August 19, 2001 to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed April 19, 2001, in the above referenced case. Responsive to that Notice, Applicants request entrance of the following Preliminary Amendments into the case, and consideration of the following Remarks:

Preliminary Amendments

In the specification:

Please delete the paragraph beginning on line 20 of page 4.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on line 22 of page 4.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 3 of page 27 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Finally, after applying a few drops of mounting medium (available as VECTAMOUNT™ from Vector Laboratories, Inc. of Burlingame, CA), placing a 22 mm by 60 mm coverslip on the slide and sealing the edges, the microarray was imaged using an ARRAYWORXS™ microarray scanner (available from Applied Precision, Inc. of Issaquah, WA). Significant levels of oregon green and hence of collagen II were detected on the polymer spots only. The control slide that lacked primary rabbit antibody showed no sign of oregon green, suggesting the absence of non-specific binding by the secondary goat antibody.--

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